



Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group

Reports

Substance Abuse Treatment Services Capacity Report

2007 Substance Abuse Epidemiology Profile

2007 The Impact of Substance Abuse: A Snapshot of Arizona

2005 Substance Abuse Epidemiology Profile

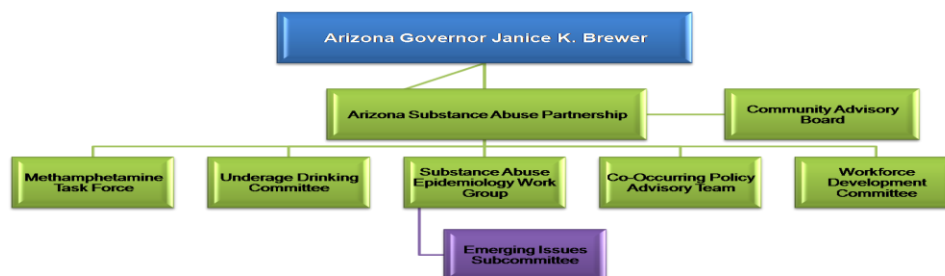
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Background and Authority

The Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group was established in 2005 as a requirement of the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG) received by Arizona from the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP). Staffed by the Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families—Division for Substance Abuse Policy, the Work Group is composed of statisticians, data analysts, academics and holders of key datasets from various state agencies and universities who collaborate and advise on the compilation of the *Substance Abuse Epidemiology Profile* and other reports and continuously evaluates data related to substance abuse consumption and consequences and available resources to move the state system through a data-driven process.

The Work Group has released a comprehensive, informative, and functional profile of substance abuse in the state for use by coalitions, agencies and individuals in relevant fields in both 2005 and 2007, with plans underway for a 2009 report. This information will help the Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership devise strategies and solutions to drug and alcohol issues. The Work Group also provides a condensed snapshot of the profile for policy-makers on a yearly basis. An Emerging Issues Subcommittee of the Work Group has been formed to identify emerging issues through a combination of statistical data and practical community experience.



Outcomes

- Produced the state's first Substance Abuse Epidemiology Profile in 2005.
- In fall 2007, released an updated Substance Abuse Epidemiology Profile showing trends and new data on substance abuse in Arizona.
- In 2007, released an abbreviated profile, entitled *The Impact of Substance Abuse: A Snapshot of Arizona*.
- In 2008, in response to Executive Order 2008-01 prioritizing families in the child welfare system for substance abuse treatment services, release *Substance Abuse Treatment Services Capacity Report*.

Activities

- Conducts analyses of individual substance abuse issues and responds to ad hoc data requests.
- Is compiling an updated *The Impact of Substance Abuse: A Snapshot of Arizona* for 2008.
- Will conduct new *Substance Abuse Epidemiology Profile* in 2009.